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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: CHEE, *et al.*

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SENSORS WITH
MICROSPHERES

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 24, 2003, for the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. Enclosed herewith is Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, making this a timely response as filed on or before the extended deadline of October 24, 2003.

In addition, enclosed herewith is a Request For Continued Examination based under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the appropriate filing fee. No additional fees are believed due, however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including

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extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our order No. A-66828-1/RMS/DCF [469249-232]).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.